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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the following paragraphs as indicated:

[0020] The piece of furniture (101) may include some type of decoration (115; 615, Fig. 6; and 820, Fig. 8), as illustrated on the top of the table in Fig. 1. This decoration may be, for example, carving, writing, an imprinted or laser induced impression, or inserts. In the illustrated embodiment, the decorative design (115) is an inlay made up of four rows of diagonally arranged slats. There is no limit to the size, type, quantity, form, etc. of the decorative features.

[0029] Fig. 7 illustrates an alternative embodiment where the piece of furniture is an end table (701). Again, the end table could include any number of drawers or planks as described herein, or have the form of a lamp table, a telephone stand, or an occasional table. The illustrated end table (701) has one drawer (106) and a set of seven planks (~~107~~) (105).